

FISH MANAGEMENT PROJECT SUMMARY

F-7-R-13 Northwest Montana - Fisheries - D. A. Hanzel

Job III Survey of Cutthroat and Dolly Varden Trout in Flathead River Above Flathead Lake

Basic life history information is being attained on the west slope cutthroat and Dolly Varden trout found in the drainage above Flathead Lake. This information would include the time and distances which these fish travel during spawning in the lake and river system and thus present the plan for the development of management recommendations so that this fishery could be assured for future generations. Concurrent to this project, cooperation of the department personnel in assistance to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife personnel who are engaged in the intensified creel census and economic survey on the lake. This information will lay the groundwork for proper management recommendations on the upper river systems and lakes involved with the cutthroat and Dolly Varden trout.

This project has been a continuing project since 1953; although maximum effort has not been made every year, considerable work has been done toward the ultimate goal. This will be a continuing project until the necessary recommendations can be made to assure this fishery a place in the future.